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RE: DA2020/1453 - 4 Collaroy Street COLLAROY NSW 2097

I recently heard of a proposed redevelopment of a block between Collaroy and Alexander streets just back from Pittwater road (DA2020/1453).

Having viewed the plans on-line I would like to express my support for what appears to be a very sympathetic development proposal.

I have lived in the northern beaches area most of my life and am particularly fond of Collaroy where I lived as a young boy and have been involved in the immediate community more latterly coaching junior rugby union.

I agree with the need for higher density housing in the northern beaches zone in general but find too many new developments give insufficient consideration to the context in which they are proposed. This development is a refreshing change and reflects due consideration having been given to the streetscape, immediate residents and tenants and visitors.

The proposed development is low rise, consistent with neighbouring buildings, the exterior design reflects a relaxed coastal style and plenty of parking is proposed for residents and visitors. New retail shops, a walkthrough between the Collaroy and Alexander streets and additional parking spots should help to reinvigorate the fading village feel of Collaroy and the chronic parking shortage. The development will also improve the look of what is a very haphazard and tired streetscape in that area in particular.

The development would seem to me to bring very positive change to the area and should be supported.